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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monthly meeting of the Woman's Aid Society Thursday afternoon, Oct. 1st, at 3 o'clock.

Supper at the church Thursday evening, Oct. 1st, by the women of section No. 4.

District C. E. Convention Oct. 2nd to 4th in Grace Church.

Autumn Festival and Rally Week, Oct. 4th to Oct. 11th. Services Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Rally Day Oct. 11th. Dr. H. J. Christman will be with us and speak for us at all of the services.

Autumn Communion Services, baptism and reception of members Sabbath morning, Oct. 18th.

The offerings on Rally Day will be for current expenses. Every member of the church and Sunday School will be furnished with a special envelope for this offering. Let us have a liberal offering — Freely ye have received, freely give.

## AUTUMN FESTIVAL AND RALLY WEEK

In other years we have observed Rally Day; this year we will have a different and larger program. We will have an Autumn Festival and Rally Week. Rally Day proper will be observed on Oct. 2nd to 4th. 11th the Ft. Wayne District C. E. Convention will be held in Grace Church. This will be a booster for our Rally Week, which will be held during the week following. Special services will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Wednesday night is prayer meeting evening. We want to make that service a great gathering of the church for prayer. Every meeting

ber must get out to this service. Thursday evening a Rally Service for the Woman's Aid and Mission Societies; Friday evening a meeting for the young people and Sunday School. Oct. 11th the Sunday School will have its Rally Day service at the regular Sunday School hour, 9:30. The congregational service at 10:30. Young People's Rally service at 6:30, with a special service for young people at 7:30. Dr. H. J. Christman, Dean of the Central Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, will be with us on that day and will speak at the Sunday School hour and the church service morning and evening. This ought to be a great day for the church, a day of blessing and of spiritual quickening. Pray and work that we may have a revival and a rallying of the forces of the church. Sabbath, Oct. 18th, we will have our Autumn Communion Service, another day that should bring a great blessing to the church. Fix the dates of these services in your minds. Talk to each other about them and speak to your unconverted neighbors and friends about them, and bring them to the meetings. The offerings on Rally Day will be for current expenses of the church.

## RETURN HOME.

The Summer months are past, the Autumn days are here, and we are home again, and are getting busy with our work. We had a pleasant and restful time while at the lake. We were out on the lake almost every day, did some stunts at fishing; other days we made long and delightful drives through the lake districts, over beautiful roads, and where the scenery was charming. Of all the lakes in northern Indiana, there

are none so beautiful and charming to us, as the lakes at Rome City. If you are tired out, and are in need of diversion and recreation, go to Rome City, spend much of your time in the early morning and in the quiet of the evening on the upper lakes, amid the charm of Nature and the songs of birds, and where the fish are plentiful, and you will find relaxation and rest for body and mind. We are not surprised that so many of our Fort Wayne people go to Rome City in the early Spring and remain until late in the Fall. It must be delightful to spend the Autumn days at the lake, where you can be out in the open air, and so near to the great throbbing heart of old Nature. One does not at all feel strange at Rome City, for you are meeting scores of Fort Wayne people all the time, and many of the cottagers have been spending the summer months there for many years, and we have become well acquainted with them, and they are like old friends to us. Rome City is easy of access, and this made it possible for us to be home for nearly all of our Sabbath services, and keep in touch with the work. Altogether we had a good time, and have been greatly benefited by the rest, and are now eager to get into the work with new energy and zeal, and ask the co-operation of every member of the Church, so that we may be able to achieve great things for the Lord in the months which are before us. The Sunday School has kept up its attendance and work during the Summer quite well. The young people have been especially active. In the absence of the pastor they have conducted the mid-week prayer meeting, and have had splendid meetings, and have continued their Sabbath evening services, and made them a power for good. The Woman's Aid Society and the Missionary Soiety have carried on their work successfully during the Summer, and now, with united effort, we should find no difficulty in inaugurating a great campaign for the Fall and Win-

ter. Rally Week should be made to count in lining up the forces for work. Then we have before us the great evangelistic campaign, under the leadership of Dr. Lions and his party. These services are to begin with the new year. Grace Church must get ready to do her part in this campaign. There is a great battle before us, and we must be ready for it. Fort Wayne needs a great awakening, and will have it, if our Churches will work. Now, then, let every member of Grace Church find his place in the work. Get upon your knees, and out of a contrite and surrendered heart, cry out unto God and say, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" And then as the Lord directs get on your work.

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### GONE TO REST.

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Mrs. Jennie Wickliffe died Thursday evening, July 23, after a prolonged illness from a complication of ailments. She was the daughter of Fredrick and Barbara Gebert, and was born in France, Dec. 29, 1849. She was aged 64 years, 6 months, and 25 days. She came with her parents to America when about two years of age. The family settled in Allen county on a farm about nine miles east of the city. Mrs. Wickliffe had been a resident of Fort Wayne for many years. She was received into Grace Church by profession of faith, October 31, 1909. We are sure she made an honest and sincere endeavor to serve the Lord since her conversion. She was a member of the Woman's Missionary Society and a member of the Adult Bible Class. She was in poor health for a number of years, but was always at the services of the Church when able. During her last illnss the pastor saw her quite often. She was always glad to have him read and pray for her. While the end came unexpectedly, we knew she was ready to meet the Lord. She had a real interest in the Church and she always gave cheerfully and liberally for the support of the work. Two sons survive her. The

funeral services were held from the church on Monday afternoon, July 27.

Another one of our number has answered to the final roll call and passed through the gates into the realm of the serene "Beautiful forever." Mrs. Mary Lydia Close was born at Elberfeld, Germany, May 30, 1844. She died Saturday morning, Sept. 5, at 3 o'clock. Though suffering for many months past, the end was calm and peaceful. She was aged 70 years, 4 months and 5 days. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Sehrey. She came to America with her parents in 1849. The family upon arriving in this country settled in Sandusky, Ohio. The father, a man of exceptional ability, established a private school at Sandusky, which he conducted until near the close of his life. Mrs. Close herself was gifted with rare intellect and social qualities and wit. She was a member of the Adult Bible Class, where the pastor had a good opportunity of knowing how well she was informed, and founded in her faith and in the fundamental doctrines of the Bible. She could give a good account of her faith and trust in the Lord.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Charles F. Close, of Sandusky, Ohio, Feb. 11, 1868. They lived for ten years after their marriage at Sandusky, where both were members of the Reformed Church, and were active in the work. In September, 1878, they came to Fort Wayne and united with the St. John's Reformed Church, then under the pastorate of Dr. Charles Schaaf. December 2, 1894, the family united with Grace. During the many years of her connection with our Church, Mrs. Close took a very active part in the work of the Church. She was a member of the Aid, and Missionary Societies. She was regular in her attendance upon the Church service, and at the Sabbath School. We know that during her protracted illness she often came to the services when she was uncomfortable and in much suffering. Her exemplary

life and her devotion to the Church is a bitter rebuke to the spirit of apathy and indifference so prevalent in the Church today. She will be greatly missed in the Church and in the social gatherings. The husband and three sons preceded her to the "home beyond." Four sons and one daughter and five grand children survive the mother. The funeral services were held from the church Monday afternoon, Sept. 7. The Lord comfort and sustain this bereaved and sorrowing household.

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#### SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

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With the close of the vacation season we should begin an active campaign to build up the Sunday School. Let us start now for a busy fall and winter.

The Sunday School will greatly miss the help of Miss Lulu Bitner, as she has been one of our most faithful and competent workers. We hope to announce the teacher for her class in a very short time.

The Progreda Class recently entertained the Zwingle and Agenda Classes and their friends at a marshmallow bake at the home of Miss Shiffer. Although the attendance was not as large as hoped for, everyone reports having a good time.

The banquet given by the Agenda Class on Sept. 10 was a pronounced success. This was for the boys only. No girls allowed.

Several of our Sunday School scholars have gone away to school. Earl Dinger, to enter Heidelberg University; Miss Esther Weiler, to take up her second year's work at Heidelberg, and Raymond Close to Purdue University, where he finishes his course in Electrical Engineering.

Every member of the Sunday School should work for Rally Day and Rally Week. Rain or shine, this should be a great time for Grace Sunday School.

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Mrs. J. H. Straub entertained the Woman's Missionary Society at her home at the monthly meeting in August, and Mrs. Fritz entertained the society at her home at the September meeting.

Martha Moore has been ill for a month past with an attack of fever. We are glad to know that she is getting along very nicely. The fever has subsided and she is gaining in strength each day.

Miss Lula Bitner has gone to Duluth, Minn., to visit friends. If the climate agrees with her she may remain over the winter. We are missing her very much in the Sunday School and in all of our Church work.

Mr. Raymond Close has returned to Purdue. He is a senior this year. He has worked hard and has been a faithful student and carried off a number of honors during the past years.

Miss Helen Trist, graduate of this year's High School class, has entered the Fort Wayne Training School. She is preparing herself for teaching. She has been doing splendid work in the local schools.

During the past two months the women of the Church were entertained at social afternoons at the homes of Mrs. Wertman, Mrs. Hildebrand and Mrs. Bitner. These gatherings have afforded the women very pleasant and profitable afternoons.

At the Sabbath morning service, July 26, the pastor baptized Mary Ellen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Heyman. At the parsonage, Saturday afternoon, Sept. 5, Geraldine Doloros, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, of Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Williams formerly resided in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wells is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Relue, 2221 Dwenger Ave. It is more than likely she will never go back again to her home on Grant St. At her next birthday, Sept. 29, she will be 88 years old. She will be glad to see any of the people of Grace Church.

A number of our people attended the Bible Conference at Winona in August. We are sorry that we did not get there this year. We spent a few days at Winona the first of July. We are told the conference program was one of the very best, though the attendance was not as large as a year ago.

Mr. Baker and family have gone to reside permanently at Hartford City, Ind. We are very sorry to lose this excellent family from our Church. They are splendid people, and felt so much at home with us, and had endeared themselves to all of our people. We wish them abundant success and happiness in their new home.

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Section No. 4 of the Woman's Aid Society will serve supper at the church Thursday evening, Oct. 1.

Managers—Mesdames Emma Bitner, J. H. Straub, Jacob Rudisill, William Siebold.

Assistants—Mesdames Susan Smith, James Smith, Ed. Siebold, Jessie Benton, Lena Fritz, Oscar Riley, Samuel Frederick, Martha Frederick, David Walters, Daniel Mullen, Henry Krohn-miller, Jennie Flooring, Sadie Boals, Susan Deahl, William Fosler, John Schlaudroff, Leo Shiffer, Samuel Keck, J. W. Shiffer, John McMahon, Ernest Payne, Valentine Monn, Luke Durnell, Louis Martin, Rufus Druckenbrod, Ellis W. Masterson, F. D. Knott, Roy Bitner, Frank Thompson, Jennie Smith, Irmo Merrilett, Elnora Logan, Ray Deahl, Bertha Appleget, Misses Anna Yeager, Lulu Bitner, Nora Minor, Lizzie Rudisill, Libbie Felger, Ruth Siebold, Mabel Reibel, Icy Masterson, Esther Fritz, Edith Shiffer.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson celebrated her 81st birthday anniversary July 19. A number of her friends came in during the day to extend their congratulations. She is remarkably well preserved at her advanced age in life. She is youthful in spirit, happy and contented. She has been able to be out to some of the services during the summer and was at the Sunday School picnic and to other of the Church functions. She has not forgotten how to prepare a good dinner or picnic lunch. She knows how to make good things. She and Maggie are quite comfortable and happy in the little home on Liberty street. We trust the Lord will give her many more years of sojourn among us.

#### THE AGENDA CORNER.

On the evening of June 23 the class held its first annual meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Dinger. At this meeting the newly elected officers were installed. Pres., Ernest W. Baumgartner; Vice Pres., William Straub; Sec., Clarence Aiken; Asst. Sec., Arthur Fritz; Treas., Ralph Siebold. After the transaction of the regular business, the retiring President, Earl Dinger, gave a farewell talk to the boys, in which he spoke of the organization of the class and the successful work done during the year. Regrets were expressed by all of the members of the class because of the retirement of Mr. Dinger from the presidency of the class. The young men pledged their support to the new officers. Other talks were given by Dr. Zartman, Mr. Joseph Fiteh and Mr. Silas Erick, encouraging the young men in their work. We felt very grateful to our pastor in meeting with us and for his talk. At the close of the meeting our hostess, Mrs. Dinger, served a lunch of cake and ice cream.

#### An Agenda Welcome.

On the evening of June 26 the class gave a surprise on William Straub in honor of his new found happiness.

Early in the evening Mrs. Straub was presented with a beautiful silver gift. The evening was spent pleasantly, and at a late hour a delicious luncheon was served, after which the guests departed, wishing the newly married couple much joy and happiness.

E. N. BAUMGARTNER.

The Young People's Society had a membership and attendance contest during the past two months. On Tuesday evening, Sept. 8, the losing side gave a banquet, and in connection with which the society had its monthly meeting. There was a good attendance at the banquet, and the young people had a good time. Miss Edith Shiffer was elected as delegate to represent the society at the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Ohio Synod, which met at Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 22.

The young women of the Church are organizing a missionary society, which

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will be an auxilliary to the Woman's Missionary Society. All the young women in the Church should get into this organization. The society will form a mission study class, meeting once or twice a month. We are wondering why the young could not organize a mission study class. The Agenda class might take up this matter.

Miss Ethel King and Mr. John G. Blakeney were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Lawton Place, Monday morning, July 6th. The guests present to witness the ceremony were the parents, brothers and sisters and other intimate friends of the bride and groom. The groom's parents reside in Covington, Ky. Mr. Blakeney is a very pleasant and enterprising young man. The bride is well known to the people of Grace Church and has a large circle of friends in the city. Mr. Blakeney is a traveling salesman and because of this fact they will not be located permanently for some time. We again extend hearty congratulations and good wishes to these young people.

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